

KFW HOT FLASH: E-NEWS FOR EVERYONE

CELEBRATING MAY DAY - HONOR THE WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

United we stand, divided we fall,
For every dime they give us a battle must be fought.
So working people use your power, the key to liberty,
Don't support the rich man's style of luxury
Hazel Dickens (They'll Never Keep Us Down)

KFW staff celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Hazel Dickens who gave voice to the struggles of women, working people and coal miners with her high-lonesome style of singing and her powerful songwriting. Hazel, a native of the West Virginia coal fields, was an activist as well as a performer and could be found on the picket lines as easily as on stage. She was a pioneer for women in the male dominated genre of Bluegrass Music and eventually became the first woman to receive the International Bluegrass Music Association's Merit Award.

Her song, They'll Never Keep Us Down served as the musical voice of conscience for Barbara Kopple's Oscar-winning 1976 documentary, Harlan County, U.S.A. John Pietaro's statement in The Nation: Remembering Hazel Dickens summed up the sentiment of those whose lives were touched by Hazel's passing through this world. The union cause was her cause and it lived anew each time she conjured a topical song set to a melody that sounded as old as the ages. In the blackened crawlspaces of West Virginia's mines the lament was a deafening silence as the mountain peaks seemed to bow in solemn reverence.

To read the entire article visit <http://www.thenation.com/article/160192/remembering-hazel-dickens>.

The 2001 Appalshop movie by Mimi Pickering, Hazel Dickens: It's Hard to Tell the Singer From the Song, profiles Hazel's life and work. http://appalshop.org/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=311

KFW NEWS:

SUMMER QUARTER HOPSCOTCH HOUSE RETREAT REQUESTS FOR TIME AND SPACE BETWEEN JULY 8TH AND SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2011 ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Hopscotch House Quarterly Retreats provide feminist, social change artists and activists with time and space to engage in creative processes, connect with the beautiful and historically significant surrounding land and be inspired by the feminist community that emerges there. KFW can offer a limited number of modest stipends of up to \$200 for artists participating in retreats lasting at least three nights. Please see the Hopscotch House page on the KFW website for more information and request forms at <http://www.kfw.org/hophouse.html> or call the KFW office at 502-562-0045 or toll free at 1-866-654-7564. The request postmark deadline is May 27th, 2011 and notifications of decisions will be mailed by June 10, 2011. Hopscotch House will be closed September 2-5, so no retreats can be scheduled then.

KFW COMMUNITY MEMBER NEWS:

SHERI WRIGHT AND SONJA DE VRIES CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY
MONTH AT CARMICHAEL'S IN LOUISVILLE

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Sheri Wright and Sonja de Vries, Kentucky poets recently nominated for the Kentucky Great Writers series at Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning, will be reading at Carmichaels on Frankfort

Avenue, Saturday, April 30th at 4 PM. Regional chair for the Kentucky State Poetry society, Sheri L. Wright, is the author of five books of poetry and will be reading from her most recent, *The Slow Talk of Stones*, which explores life in Appalachia and the effects of mountain top removal. Writer and filmmaker Sonja de Vries will be reading from her debut book of poetry *Planting A Garden In Bagdad*. For more information call 502-896-6950.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE FEATURES HORSE SENSIBILITY: WORKS BY

JAIME CORUM - Louisville based equine artist Jaime Corum's *Horse Sensibility* will be displayed in the Cochenour Gallery, Ensor Learning Resource Center on the Georgetown College Campus, now through May 8. A reception and artist tour will be held Monday, May 2, 5-6 PM.

For further information please contact:

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WAYSIDE EXPRESSIONS GALLERY PRESENTS PAINTINGS BY STEPHANIE FOSTER

Louisville painter Stephanie Foster will be the featured artist at Wayside Expressions Gallery at the Wayside Christian Mission in Hotel Louisville, 120 West Broadway in Louisville. The exhibit will be on display from May 6 until May 31. The Opening reception will be held for First Friday, May 6, from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM and they will celebrate Third Sunday, May 22, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

For information call Randy Webber, Wayside Christian Mission, 502-836-7661 or 502-584-3711.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS AND ACTIVISTS:

THE OFFICE FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE SEEKS PROGRAM COORDINATOR

The office for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender services has established a fulltime program coordinator position and is now launching a search to select and hire someone starting July 1. The office is the first of its kind at a Kentucky university, opening three years ago to strengthen and sustain an inclusive campus community, one that welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions through support, educational resources, and advocacy. The office works in partnership with other diversity efforts on campus supporting the Vice Provost for Diversity and International Affairs.

The new program coordinator will work closely with the director on all aspects of running a full-service office, particularly developing and implementing programs and events, supervising student employees, advising student organizations, developing new initiatives, and overseeing technology, budgets, and other logistics.

The minimum qualifications are a bachelor's degree and three years of experience, and the successful candidate will demonstrate strong experience working with LGBT populations, preferably in higher education. This is an exempt, professional/administrative position with a minimum starting salary of \$29,024. Apply before May 1 at <http://www.louisville.edu/jobs>.

Learn more about the Office for LGBT Services at <http://www.louisville.edu/lgbt> or email Brian Buford at brian.buford@louisville.edu.

BERGER-MARKS FOUNDATION SEEKS NOMINATIONS OF YOUNG

WOMEN LEADERS FOR THE \$10,000 EDNA AWARD

Berger-Marks Foundation announces a new Edna Award for a young woman leader in the social justice movement. The Edna Award will honor a woman, under 35, who has made an extraordinary contribution early in her career, and whose achievements indicate that her work will continue to significantly improve the lives of working women and men. The award is named after Edna Berger, the foundation's namesake and an early organizer at The Newspaper Guild: Communications Workers of America. Women can apply for the award themselves or be nominated by others. The application deadline is July 15. Visit <http://bergermarks.org/news/2011/index2.php> for more information.

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